



COMMENTS ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY DRAFT REPORT FROM MICHIGAN LCV MEMBERS

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57 COMMENTS

(IN ADDITION TO 400 SUBMITTED ON 11/4/2013)

SUMMARY: ALMOST EVERY COMMENT INCLUDED IS **FAVORABLE OF RAISING MICHIGAN'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARD** FROM ITS CURRENT LEVELS. MICHIGAN LCV MEMBERS WHO COMMENTED **OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORT ENERGY SAVINGS**, AND WANT MORE OF IT. **THE POSITIVE RESPONSE FOR A STRONGER GOAL POST-2015 IS RESOUNDING.**

A report released by Governor Snyder's administration shows that Michigan's energy efficiency standard is saving homeowners and businesses millions, and that utility companies are on track to surpass our state's efficiency goals. Let's continue to lower our energy costs by using our energy more efficiently.

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Even though the current standard is saving Michigan's people millions of dollars every year, and a higher standard is both practical and desirable, DTE has failed to implement a higher standard on its own. The unavoidable conclusion: Since clearly DTE won't do anything more on its own, government action is necessary to reap the benefits of more efficient energy for Michigan's citizens.

Therefore I urge you to raise Michigan's energy efficiency standard to 2% a year.

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Although we have done everything possible to reduce our energy costs by installing new windows, more insulation, energy star appliances, and now a new efficient boiler, our energy costs have not declined.

We need to raise our energy standards so that real savings pass down to the consumer.

Alternative Energy has been proven to be practical and do-able by many European countries. It is motivation that we lack.

Some initial hardship and expenditure will be necessary, but we can and should be leading in this matter

Dear Gov. Snyder,

Please support continued efforts to make Michigan a more energy efficient state. It is not only good economics, but also good for the environment and future sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Amy DeSantis

What IS the deal with the cost of electricity now days. I'm constantly getting disconnect notices because I can't AFFORD to pay the outrageous cost for electricity. It keeps going up and up. When we contacted our supplier asking why the rates are going up so high, we got a response: "Our rates haven't gone up, you're using more electricity." We run everything the same everyday. At night we have 2 lights, TV and a ceiling fan. That's it. So how can we be using more electricity? These costs need to go down along with gasoline but don't get me started on that. Thanks for listening.

Please keep renewable energy and energy efficiency as important policies for Michigan!

Clean up fracking. Clean the coal. Less coal. More wind and sun renewable.

I totally feel that this is a pressing issue for american families. I believe something needs to be down to curb raising energy cost. I support any way to help make that happen.

It's just the moral and right thing to do for our childrens future, plain and simple.

Please strengthen the energy efficiency standards. Higher efficiency standards benefit everyone!

Please continue to do all that you can to lower our reliance on fossil fuels and to decrease our energy costs by utilizing lower-cost renewable sources of energy.

Every dollar saved can be used to fuel our economic growth in other productive ways!

Thanks, Vic

Stronger energy optimization standards added to clean, green renewable energy generation provides jobs now and a sustainable future for all of us.

We need to continue to be concerned with energy costs in our modern, forward-thinking leadership. Make this happen.

Lower our cost!

My electricity cost is too high and Michigan is one of highest cost states in the country for utilities. We need a stronger energy optimization standard.

Wind turbines!

HowMuch lower energy cost

We need to increase energy efficiency along with renewables like wind, solar, biomass and natural gas captured from land fills and waste treatment plants!

The cost of electricity in Michigan is one of the highest rates in the region. We need more energy efficiency. Please take appropriate action.

There is a need to make sustainable energy available to all citizens at an appropriate cost. dollars not spent on high energy costs can then been used to put dollars in local economies.

Please reconsider hydroelectric and wind incentives. Put our great lakes to work!!

Lower our energy costs, hasn't Detroit suffered enough. I know I have to pay alot every month it's unfair.

DO IT

I want clean green energy.
I'm proud to hear we've done so well in these efforts. let's please focus long term, raise conservation standards, and continue renewable investments. please do not allow fracking which is short term and so so risky. its a slap in the face of citizens for the sake of money. money does not rule all. education and conservation of energy and resources are the greatest things we can do. thank you.

If reducing energy costs includes fracking, then I cannot support this. Fracking will use up and pollute our water supplies and destroy valuable land. It is a short-sighted process that will make big bucks for the gas and oil companies. It is not possible to regulate this. It is horrifyingly destructive

no matter how it is done. If reducing energy costs includes methods such as conservation, wind and solar power, then I am all in.

Because energy efficiency is working well in Michigan, and we are surpassing our old goals, we should set higher goals. We cannot rest on our laurels.

Since green renewable energy sources are ultimately less expensive than the same old fossil fuels, it is absurd not to invest in cleaner and less expensive energy systems.

Michigan needs even stronger clean energy standards to keep pace with other states and nations and to serve us citizens. Michigan's cost of electricity can be lowered by better energy efficiency. Energy conservation measures need to be stepped up and the standards need to be more ambitious. Alternative energy sources and self-sufficient consumer systems need also to be supported and encouraged by energy providers as a means of decreasing energy costs long-term. Increased energy efficiency is an immediate and necessary priority for a healthy Michigan.

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Dear Rick,
More wind mills please!
Thank you,
Joseph

I am strongly supportive of more efficient energy. I do what I can to cut my carbon footprint, but I need your help! Please make Michigan a state that looks realistically to the future and continues to support efficient energy--significantly strengthening what we have already done!

Energy costs need to be lower by supporting efficiency and renewable energy. But NOT with biofuels that take slash and young trees out of the forest and create pollution burning them. Instead, encourage private and small businesses to add solar and wind energy to their buildings properties.

i want CLEAN GREEN energy. No oil, fracking or any of the likes. Invest in SOLAR and WIND. NOW. And SAVINGS programs. How about having

people stop using dryers. It's unnecessary and drains energy. We MUST SAVE. We can not live like spoiled brats at the expense of our childrens future.

Not only is reliance upon non renewable sources of energy foolish and effectively "on borrowed time", it is killing our planet. Please use visionary insight and move us totally to combinations of renewable energy NOW!

Germany is currently operating at 26% renewables and have rejected Fracking and Nuclear as options after examining the evidence.

We on the other hand are touting our 10% by 2015 as some sort of milestone.

DTE has a financial interest in keeping Michigan dependent on coal as they transport said coal and pass the increasing costs onto their customers.

Time to put the money mongers on a shorter leash and do what is best for the citizenry of our State.

Gov S had an aide reply to my request for his stance on renewable energy. The doubletalk and dance around the issue made me think the Gov has little or no interest in truly steering Michigan toward a clean energy policy. Wind, sun and wave are options that should not be ignored as sources of clean, reliable and renewable energy. Climb out of the pockets of fossil fuel, Gov.

Now is the time to lower energy costs.

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My husband and I are resource and energy-conscious; we buy efficient appliances, turn lights and other utilities off and are currently updating our electrical and heating systems. I would love to add solar panels or a

windmill or something to use all of the delicious, free wind and sun; I would also love to add rain barrels to maximize our proactivity.

Let's raise our standards to optimize energy at the state level. Let's improve our clean energy programs that will protect our future and our children's future by being proactive now. Let the rest of the country (I am a California-native) look to Michigan for innovative, progressive strategies for energy optimization.

I imagine this will only help our economy and bottom line with new jobs and a focused effort on lowering costs.

From one nerd to another, thanks for "listening".

This will save taxpayers money- not subsidies to oil and coal companies!

Go for it gov Snyder!!!!

Energy efficiency is very important to me, so much so that my husband and I built a strawbale house with 22 inch thick walls to help keep our heating costs low. I would hope that the Governor would do everything in his power to help our state lower their energy costs and find ways to use the cleanest, greenest energy to lessen our dependence on finite fossil fuels!

Finally, someone doing something about energy!! Thank You!!!

Energy efficiency provides the biggest return on investment in the field. Energy efficiency is green and reduces costs for individuals and for business. Increasing energy efficiency standards is a win-win strategy for Michigan.

My electric bill is the highest bill I have. I am a single older woman and I cannot afford these high electric bills. Please lower my electric bill! I conserve and cover windows, and dial down, etc. but still can't afford this. Please lower our bills but allowing us to purchase more affordable energy in Michigan!

michigan has a legacy of industrial pollution that we must end today. the largest freshwater source and one of the largest forest lands must be protected

bring our cost down

Will we be a state that leads the charge on renewables and reaps the rewards for the industry and the environment?

Mich. has to import over (7) seven BILLION dollars of dirty or otherwise

coal every year. think what this would do for the state if the money stayed here! Alt.energy can run the entire state.

Have you considered challenging the business community to create a statewide competition in areas such as:

Green buildings (new)

Energy efficiency improvements to existing buildings

Using renewables

Tried to get a residential energy audit of our residence, but DTE said that they have run out of funds for residents and are no longer available for the rest of the year. DTE told us to call back in 2014.

All information points to the fact that we can do better with energy efficiency and Alternative Energy. We want to move away from using energy sources that harm people and the environment, including nuclear and fossil fuel.

We must continue to work for more clean energy production here in Michigan. Energy efficiency is a win-win solution for decreasing costs to consumers and minimizing the need for energy production. Please Gov. Snyder lower our costs and set stronger energy standards.

Energy efficiency is good for Michigan citizens, for the environment (less CO2 in the atmosphere) and for the economy (we're not exporting money for the energy we save, plus insulating homes, etc. creates lots of jobs!) Please continue to support energy efficiency programs in Michigan.

once again, special corporate interests are favored clients of MI gov't, not its citizens.

Let's get lower costs on something everybody uses!

Dear Governor Snyder. I am glad to see that Michigan's energy efficiency is excellent and saves businesses and homeowners some money. I urge you and the legislature to continue this good work. In addition, I would like to see energy costs lowered for Michiganders to share the benefit of our efficient energy widely. Do not let the current clean energy standards expire in 2015, but extend them for another 20 years as we need to continue our efforts to maintain our standards. In fact, a stronger standard would extend the life of our natural resources. Do lower the costs for us. Why is the cost of electricity in the state of Michigan so high compared to other state? We can do better. I urge you to continue the excellent progress made, to create stronger standards and to lower the costs for Michigan residents.

Thank you. Sincerely, Kay Clifford